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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR. DULLES AND MR. KILDAY OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON MARCH 1, 1961.

Mr. Dulles called Mr. Kilday, and after exchanging greetings, told him that he was rather disturbed at the fact that so much publicity was given to General Willems' testimony yesterday after he appeared before the House Armed Services Committee. Mr. Dulles referred to a Jack Raymond article in the New York Times, and said there was also a UP story. He quoted from the Jack Raymond article, and said there is a whole column, giving estimates, etc.

Mr. Kilday said he was very sorry about this, that he had been there when the hearing started and that General Willems made it very clear that his testimony was secret and top secret. He gave those present a paper which was marked secret, which was numbered, and had the member's name on it. The Chairman instructed everyone to leave their manuscripts on their desks when the hearing was over. Mr. Kilday said from what Mr. Dulles quoted, it sounded as though someone had the statement that had been given to the members.

Mr. Dulles then said he didn't like each intelligence service presenting their views of the Soviet Union. He said that it should be the national intelligence estimate rather than the separate view of each service.

Mr. Kilday agreed with this, and said when General Willems appeared he said it would be national intelligence, except where he indicated to the contrary. Mr. Kilday at this point interposed a request that General Willems outline the services represented on USIB, and explain how national intelligence was arrived at, how the dissenting views of various services were put in footnotes to the estimate, etc. Mr. Kilday said he could tell from General Willems' testimony when he was giving national intelligence and when he was giving the Army view.

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Mr. Dulles then said he had talked to General Willems, and he thought this publicity was most unfortunate. Mr. Kilday remarked that he was going to the Rules Committee meeting on the resolution this morning; and they discussed briefly the advantages of having one committee to which the Agency would be responsible and Mr. Kilday said this was what he was going to work for. Mr. Dulles stated that General Willems was appearing again this morning, and Mr. Kilday said that he would not be able to be present since he had to go to the Rules Committee meeting, but that he would speak to the Chairman about this matter before the hearing. Mr. Kilday said he greatly regretted this publicity, that he would try to run it down, and would try to prevent its happening again.

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